

20 Vowel Phonemes / Graphemes

Phoneme (sound)	Examples	Graphemes (written patterns)	Phoneme (sound)	Examples	Graphemes (written patterns)
/a/	<u>a</u> pple	a	/oo/	mo <u>o</u> n, scre <u>w</u>	oo, ue, ou, ew, u-e
/e/	elephant, br <u>e</u> ad	e, ea	'oo'	bo <u>o</u> k, cou <u>l</u> d	oo, u, ou
/i/	igloo, g <u>y</u> m	i, y	/ou/	hou <u>s</u> e, co <u>w</u>	ou, ow
/o/	o <u>o</u> ctopus, was <u>h</u>	o, a	/oi/	co <u>i</u> n, bo <u>y</u>	oi, oy
/u/	u <u>u</u> mbrella, wo <u>n</u>	u, o	/ar/	sta <u>r</u> , gla <u>s</u> s	ar, a
/ae/	rai <u>n</u> , tra <u>y</u>	ai, ay, a-e, a	/or/	fo <u>r</u> k, bo <u>a</u> rd	or, aw, a, au, ore, oar, oor
/ee/	tree, me	ee, ea, ie, y, e, ey	/er/	he <u>r</u> b, nu <u>r</u> se	er, ir, ur, ear, or
/ie/	li <u>gh</u> t, ki <u>t</u> e	igh, i-e, y, i, ie	/air/	chai <u>r</u> , pea <u>r</u>	air, ear, are
/oa/	bo <u>a</u> t, bo <u>w</u>	oa, ow, o, o-e	/ear/	spea <u>r</u> , de <u>e</u> r	ear, eer, ere
/ue/	tu <u>b</u> e, em <u>u</u>	u-e, ew, ue, u	'schwa' unstressed vowel close to /u/ as in teacher <u>u</u> , the <u>u</u> , pictu <u>r</u> e		